में सिक्किम के मुख्यमंत्री द्वारा की गई मांगों के संबंध में छपे इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि (1) सिक्किम प्रजा नियमन अधिनियम, 1961 के कारण राज्यविहीन हुए, सिक्किम के उन तीस हजार लोगों को नागरिकता प्रदान की जाय जो वहां अपनी जमीन जायदाद के साथ सदियों से रह रहे हैं; (2) लेप्चा भोटिया और नेपाली जैसे समुदायों को आरक्षण प्रदान किया जाये; तथा (3) नेपाली भाषा को भारत के संविधान की आठवीं अनुसूची में स्थान दिया जाये; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक मांग के बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

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(ख) मामले पर ध्यान दिया जा रहा है।

Border clashes with Pakistan in Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir

*151. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of borders clashes with Pakistan in Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir during the last year; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to meet the clashes and to protect the borders from such threats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) There has been no clash between Pakistani and Indian troops on the border in Rajasthan or the border/Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir during the year 1984. However, in an incident in the Siachen Glacier area, Pakistani troops made an unsuccessful attempt to dislodge our troops from their positions.

There have also been some cases of exchange of fire across the border/Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir during 1984. It would not be desirable to disclose details.

(b) Our armed forces are on constant vigil to meet any threat to the security of the country.

Acid rain pollution spread to third world

*153. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARDWAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express of October, 7, 1985, captioned "Acid Rain Pollution spread to Third World";

(b) whether any survey has been done to assess the damage already caused and likely to be caused to vegetation, soil, environment and ecology of the country as a result of the acid rain pollution in the country; and

(c) what steps are contemplated to remedy the situation?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. According to the India Meteorological Department, there is no evidence of acid rain problem in the country as indicated by the data being recorded in various places.

(c) The following steps have been taken to prevent the possibilities of acid rain:—under the provisions of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, standards have been prescribed for stack height, emissions from point sources and ambient air quality;

—For the thermal power plants to be located in the sensitive areas, provisions are being made for installation of flue gas desulphurisation units;